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PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS BOARD ANNOUNCES EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Filling a position that has been vacant for decades

Sacramento, CA, October 10, 2018 The California Public Employment Relations Board (PERB) is pleased to announce that Joshua Golka will join the agency as its Executive Director. Golka will be responsible for PERB's administrative operations, serve as the interface between and among the appointed Board, PERB managers, and staff, and represent the Board's interests with members of the legislative and executive branches.

Mr. Golka joins PERB from the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees where he serves as the Legislative Affairs Manager, leading the organization's state legislative and budgetary strategy. He has over fifteen years' experience providing political, legislative, and budgetary analysis and representation before the California legislature, state departments, boards and commissions, coalition groups, and the media.

In accepting the position Golka stated, "I am extremely excited to join the PERB team and to support the Board's vision of ensuring that California's public sector employees and employers have timely, consistent, and efficient access to the agency. I look forward to working with the Board, staff, and constituents to make case processing more efficient and with the legislative and executive branches to certify that PERB has the operational capacity to perform its statutory duties."

Board Member Erich Shiners, speaking on behalf of the Board issued the following statement: "Recent budget allocations have allowed PERB to fill this critical position that has been vacant for decades. We look forward to working closely with Josh to advance our agency's mission to expeditiously resolve disputes among our constituents and ensure harmonious labor relations in the State of California."

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The Public Employment Relations Board (PERB) is a quasi-judicial agency, which oversees public sector collective bargaining in California. PERB presently administers eight collective bargaining statutes, ensures their consistent implementation and application, and adjudicates disputes between the parties subject to them.

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